BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-34-WS - ORDER NO. 2005-335

JULY 7, 2005

IN RE: Application of Haig Point Utility Company,) ORDER REGARDING Inc. for Approval of Adjustment in Rates and) REQUEST FOR NIGHT

Charges.) HEARING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Haig Point Club and Community Association, Inc. ("HPCCA") for a night hearing to be scheduled in the present docket. On February 24, 2005, Haig Point Utility Company, Inc. ("HPU", or "Company") filed an Application with the Commission requesting approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for the Company's water and sewer services provided to Haig Point development located on Daufuskie Island in Beaufort County, South Carolina. Following publication of Notice of Filing and Hearing of HPU's Application, HPCCA filed a Petition to Intervene with the Commission on May 12, 2005, and HPCCA became a party of record upon the Commission's approval of HPCCA's intervention in the instant proceeding.

On June 3, 2005, HPCCA, through its counsel, filed a request asking the Commission to schedule a night hearing with respect to HPU's Application.

Upon consideration of the request, the Commission finds that a night hearing in this docket should be scheduled. A nighttime hearing will allow interested customers of HPU to appear and present testimony and evidence relevant to HPU's Application. Therefore, a local public witness component of the hearing previously scheduled for Thursday, July 14th in this matter will be held in the evening at the Town of Hilton Head Town Hall in Beaufort County, South Carolina, on July 14, 2005 for the purpose of taking local public witness testimony, thereby providing a local forum for customers of HPU and other interested persons not already parties to the proceeding. Parties of record in this docket who have filed Petitions to Intervene and who seek to cross-examine witnesses of HPU will present their testimony and exhibits at the continuation of the public hearing on Monday, July 18, 2005, to be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. At that time, HPU will present the Company's witnesses and testimony and exhibits.

Upon consideration of the request for night hearing, the Commission makes the following findings:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. A hearing on HPU's Application for an adjustment in rates and charges for the provision of water and sewer service is scheduled to be held in the Commission's hearing room located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina on Monday, July 18, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. at which time HPU will present its case in chief and parties of record in this docket who have filed Petitions to Intervene and who seek to cross-examine witnesses of HPU will present their testimony and exhibits.
- HPU serves customers at Haig Point development located in on Daufuskie
 Island in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

- 3. As evidenced by request in this proceeding, HPCCA is interested in the proceedings concerning HPU's request for an adjustment in rates and charges.
- 4. Holding a local public witness component of the hearing on the Application during the evening in Beaufort County, South Carolina would provide a convenient forum for the customers of HPU to provide evidence related to the Application to the Commission.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes as follows:

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Based upon HPCCA's interest in this proceeding, the Commission concludes that significant interest in the instant docket has been exhibited by customers who could be affected by the pending rate case Application.
- 2. The Commission concludes that holding a local public witness component of the hearing on the Application during the evening in Beaufort County, South Carolina would allow interested customers to appear before the Commission to present evidence concerning the pending rate case Application.
- 3. The Commission concludes that holding a nighttime local public witness component of the hearing on the Application in Beaufort County, South Carolina would serve the public interest as it would provide the customers affected by the rate Application a convenient forum in terms of location and time to appear before the Commission to present evidence related to the pending rate case Application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A local public witness component of the hearing on the Application in the

pending rate case Application filed by Haig Point Utility Company, Inc. shall be held in

the evening at the Town of Hilton Head Town Hall in Beaufort County, South Carolina,

on July 14, 2005.

2. The Commission Staff is directed to coordinate specific arrangements in

regard to the place and time for the nighttime local public witness component of the

hearing and shall provide notice of it to the parties in this docket and to the customers

affected by the Application.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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